Rural Electrification in Etah, Uttar Pradesh

*580. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for rural electrification in Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91;

(b) whether target has been achieved and if so, the number of villages electrified in Etah district; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the work being held up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The target and achievement for rural electrification in Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91 were as under:—

Village electrification		Pumpsets energisation	
Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
2350	2207	16100	18506

The shortfall in achievement on village electrification in Uttar Pradesh was due to constraints of funds. In Etah district of Uttar Pradesh, during 1990-91, 16 villages were electrified, bringing the total number of villages electrified in Etah to 1088.

Impact of increase in Royalty of Coal

*581. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of financial burden likely to be borne by the Government due to the recent increase in the rate of royalty of coal;

(b) whether price of coal is likely to go up as a result of increase in the royalty; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The royalty on coal is payable by the consumers. It is collected by coal companies and passed on to the State Governments. Therefore, there is no financial burden on the Central Government due to increase in rate of royalty.

(b) and (c) The pit-head price of coal fixed by Central Government will not increase as a result of increase in the rate of royalty because the pit-head price is exclusive of royalty and other taxes. However, the consumer price will increase in the States where the cesses were low and will decrease where the cesses were higher as compared to the revised rates of royalty. In respect of coal produced in States of West Bengal and Assam, there is no change in price of coal as the revised rates of royalty have not been made applicable to these States so far.

[English]

World Bank Assistance to Kerala State Electricity Board

*582. SHRI V. S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has called for a hike in power tariff as a pre-condition for extending financial assistance to the Kerala State Electricity Board; and

[Translation]

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The World Bank has asked the government of Kerala for an increase in power tariff as one of the options for achieving a rate of return of 30%. This is one of the pre-conditions for extending financial assistance to Kerala state Electricity Board. The suggestion of World Bank is under consideration of Kerala State Electricity Board.

[Translation]

Workshop at Izzatnagar

*583. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether loco carriages and light and heavy cranes are being manufactured in the Loco Workshop of North Eastern Railway in Izzatnagar (Bareilly);

(b) if so, whether there has been some decline in the production of these items during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIFF): (a) Only Metre Gauge light and heavy cranes are being manufactured there and no loco or carriage were ever manufactured in Izzatnagar.

(b) 2 cranes were manufactured in 1988-89 and 6 in 1990-91 During 1989-90, there was a gap since in 1988-89, the cranes turned out were only prototypes.

(c) Does not arise

Development of Paittan as a Tourist Centre

*584. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme of the Union Government to develop Paittan in Aurangabad district of Maharashtra as a tourist centre;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned for the scheme;

(c) the extent of work done; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. No scheme to develop tourism in Paittan has been sent by State Government of Maharashtra.

(b) to (d) Does not arise

Urban Transport System

*585. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any progress has been made to solve the traffic problem in the speed transport system in trains in urban areas of the country;

(b) the total amount allocated in the current year for renovation, maintenance and operation of trains based on urban transport system; and

(c) the total expenditure incurred in this connection duting 1990 and the names of cities benefited?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Expenditure on various services—commuter, passenger, freight